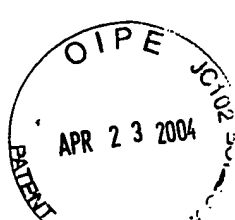


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Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

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Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary, it is hereby requested. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed November 25, 2003, in the above-identified application.

A separate Petition for Extension Of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the extension of time fee to Assignee's deposit account is included with this Amendment. This petition requests an extension of two months (i.e., until April 25, 2004) for responding to the office action.

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